

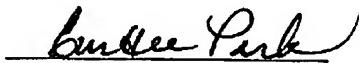
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REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. In the Office Action, all pending claims 76-87 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 (b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,432,838 ("Purchase et al."). Purchase et al. does not disclose or suggest every element claimed in independent claims 76 and 87. For example, Purchase et al. does not disclose or suggest "transmission and reception" of the signals over the "powerline" for communications as claimed in independent claim 76. Purchase et al. also does not disclose or suggest "galvanically isolating the first AC power system and the second AC power system" as claimed in claim 87. Accordingly, Purchase et al. does not anticipate claims 76-87 pending in this application.

This communication is believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action and every effort has been made to place the application in condition for allowance. If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Examiner is requested to telephone the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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